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In re Patent Application of	MAIL STOP RCE
Hisao Nishikawa et al.	Group Art Unit: 3763
Application No.: 10/520,180	Examiner: LAURA A BOUCHELLE
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For: INJECTION NEEDLE AND LIQUID INTRODUCING INSTRUMENT))

AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 19, 2006, and the interview conducted October 16, 2006, the period for reply being extended by the Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.